

CCC HEALTH DISPARITIES COMMITTEE

Next Meetings

Northern Arizona CCC Unveiling
McGee Auditorium at Flagstaff Medical Center
Flagstaff
November 17, 2005 5:00pm-7:00 pm

Southern Arizona CCC Unveiling
Arizona Cancer Center Kiewit Auditorium
Tucson 10:30am-1:30pm
December 5, 2005

General CCC Disparities Committee Meeting
January 19, 2005
Phoenix – location TBA

General CCC Disparities Committee Meeting
February 16, 2005
Phoenix- location TBA



Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines Comprehensive Cancer Control as “an integrated and coordinated approach to reducing cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality of cancer through prevention (primary prevention), early detection (secondary prevention), treatment, rehabilitation, and palliation.”

The Arizona CCC Program is funded by a grant from the CDC and **provides leadership for and coordination of statewide cancer control efforts.** The program is currently in the basic implementation phase.

The Arizona CCC Coalition has formed committees to address the needs and identify strategies in five areas: Cancer Prevention, Early Detection and Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment, Quality of Life, Research, and Health Disparities.

You can view the Arizona CCC plan at <http://www.azcancercontrol.gov/pdf/cancercontrolplan.pdf>.

Health Disparities Committee

Although cancer affects people of all ages, gender, race, ethnic origin, income, or sexual orientation a closer look at cancer rates reveals some significant differences.

In Arizona, African Americans experience the highest colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates compared to other groups. Native Americans in Arizona have disproportionately high rates of stomach and gallbladder cancer. Latinas have the highest cervical cancer incidence rate in the state. Socioeconomic and geographic factors also contribute to barriers to treatment, early detection, and cancer education.

The newly established Health Disparities committee of the Arizona CCC Coalition has the task of **recommending strategies for implementation that address cancer disparities in Arizona.** We invite you to join us in reducing cancer disparities among Arizonans.

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